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GLOSSARY

In this document, the following terms are used with the meanings given below:

- **Society:** The entirety of the Society for Creative Anachronism (a worldwide group of affiliated organizations).
- **SCA, Inc. or SCA:** The Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc., a California not-for-profit corporation
- **Board:** The Board of Directors of the SCA, Inc.
- **Governing documents:** The Organizational Handbook, which contains: The Introduction, Corpora, The Articles of Incorporation of the SCA, Inc., the By-Laws of the SCA, Inc., the Corporate Policies of the SCA, Inc., and any amendments and appendices.
- **By-Laws:** The By-Laws of the SCA, Inc., or its equivalent in an affiliated organization.
- **Corpora:** The policies governing historical re-creation within the Society, and those policies applicable to the entire Society.
- **Subscribing member:** A Sustaining or International member of the SCA, Inc. or its approved equivalent in an affiliated organization.
- **Society Member:** Membership in the Society is defined in the By-Laws of the SCA, Inc., or in the approved organizational documents of any corporation affiliated with the SCA, Inc.
- **SCA, Inc. Waiver Card:** A card that indicates that a properly executed waiver is on file at the corporate office. This card may also contain membership information.
- **Armigerous award:** An award that can convey Arms by Award, Grant, or Patent.
- **Consort:** A subject for whom the combatant fights for in the Royal Lists.
- **Coronet:** The Sovereign and Consort of a principality, acting together.
- **Court of Chivalry / Court of Inquiry:** A panel, defined according to kingdom law, convened to investigate issues and possibly recommend action to the appropriate Society authority.
- **Crown:** The Sovereign and Consort of a Kingdom, acting together.
- **Officer:** A Society member serving in an appointed office as defined in Corpora, or as an appointed deputy in such an office, or in another office as may be defined by Kingdom Law, at any level of the Society, or in the role of organizer of a Society event (commonly referred to as “Autocrat” or “Steward”), or as a Territorial Baron or Baroness, or as Crown or Coronet or heir to a Crown or Coronet.
- **Peerage:** Collectively, the members of one of the Order of Chivalry, the Order of the Laurel, and the Order of the Pelican are referred to as the Peerage. A member of any of these Orders is a Peer.

- **Period:** The era used by the Society as the base for its re-creation activities. The Society is based on the life and culture of the landed nobility of pre-17th Century Western Europe, focusing on the Middle Ages and the Renaissance.
- **Realm:** A kingdom (including any principalities), or a principality.
- **Royal Lists:** Properly constituted armored combat tournament to determine the successors to current royalty. They are known as “Crown Lists” for kingdoms, and “Coronet Lists” for principalities.
- **Royal heirs:** The victor in the Royal Lists and the victor’s consort for the period between the victory and the Coronation (kingdom) or Investiture (principality).
- **Royal Peer:** An individual who has reigned as King or Queen of a kingdom, or as Prince or Princess of a principality is referred to as a Royal Peer.
- **Royalty:** The persons who hold the offices of Sovereign or Consort of a kingdom or principality. The heirs to those positions are also considered royal, but Corpora uses the terms “royalty” and “reigning royalty” interchangeably, and only to refer to Sovereigns and Consorts.
- **Sovereign and Consort:** The victor in the Royal Lists and the victor’s consort, respectively, after their Coronation or Investiture.
- **Subject:** Any person who physically resides within the borders of a realm for more than half the year. Those who do not maintain a residence meeting this definition may be considered subjects of the realm where they participate most frequently if they obtain written acknowledgment from the royalty of that realm. Those who participate in Society activities primarily in a realm other than the one where they reside may be considered subjects of that realm if they obtain written permission and acknowledgment from the royalty of both realms. Decisions of the Coronet in such matters depend upon the approval of the Crown.

The Great Book of Laws for the Kingdom of Drachenwald

Order of Precedence for these Laws

- The By-Laws of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. or - if applicable - the appropriate affiliated organisation as stated in any affiliation contracts with the S.C.A. Inc.
- The Corpora of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.
- Governing and Policy Decisions of the Board of Directors of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.
- Kingdom of Drachenwald Law
- Edicts of the Crown of Drachenwald (Binding only within the Kingdom)

PROLOGUE: The purpose of this document is to delineate a comprehensive set of laws for the Kingdom of Drachenwald, within the constraints of Corpora.

1.00 CONCERNING THE LAWS OF THE KINGDOM OF DRACHENWALD

1.01 All laws not listed in the Great Book of Laws are repealed. Only those laws listed here along with the By-Laws and Corpora of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. are in effect in the Kingdom of Drachenwald, along with any duly enacted additions or amendments.

1.02 Concerning Laws and Edicts:

1.02.1 No laws of Drachenwald may be enacted without approval of the Crown after consultation with Council (Curia Regis).

1.02.2 Laws take effect after publication in the *Dragon's Tale* and proclamation at an official event listed in the *Dragon's Tale* calendar as per Corpora..

1.02.3 Edicts take effect after publication in the *Dragon's Tale*.

1.02.4 An edict may not repeal or suspend Kingdom law.

1.02.5 Edicts must be approved by both the Sovereign and Consort and reviewed for conflict with other laws by the Seneschal. Edicts last for the duration of the Crown's reign.

1.03 Pending laws should be submitted to the Chronicler of the *Dragon's Tale* within thirty days and must be submitted within sixty days after each Curia Regis for publication in the next possible issue.

1.04 The Chronicler may not publish any laws without the documented approval of the Sovereign, Consort, and Kingdom Seneschal.

1.05 Laws of the Kingdom of Drachenwald are to be maintained by the Kingdom Seneschal and made available to the populace by the Chronicler on the Kingdom web site. This web copy shall include a revision date and a list of the signatories for the current Laws. Paper copies will be available at the requester's expense from the Kingdom Chronicler. In the event of a conflict, the latest paper publication of the Kingdom laws plus the properly enacted additions or amendments shall hold precedence over the web page.

1.05.1 The cost of publishing the required paper copies of the Great Book of Laws shall be paid by the Kingdom of Drachenwald Treasury.

1.05.2 The King and Queen of Drachenwald, Crown Prince and Princess of Drachenwald, and each Greater and Lesser Kingdom Officer shall receive personal printed copies of the Great Book of Laws at no charge when they request it from the Kingdom Seneschal.

1.05.3 The Society Seneschal, and Drachenwald's Ombudsman shall receive a free copy of

the new law at each new printing.

1.05.4 All current policies of the Greater Kingdom Officers shall also be published on the Kingdom website and included in the bi-annual publication of the Great Book of Laws. These policies shall include, but not be limited to: Kingdom Financial Policies, Rules of the Drachenwald List, and reporting requirements for each office.

1.06 Any use of the words "written" or "in writing" throughout these laws is defined as communications sent either by postal mail or electronic mail.

2.00 CONCERNING THE DUTIES AND PRIVILEGES OF THE CROWN

2.01 The Crown shall consist of the Sovereign and Consort, as defined in Corpora. These two shall have equal powers and neither may act without the other, except as provided herein.

2.02 Duties of the Crown

2.02.1 Being present at Their Coronation, the next Crown Tournament, the Coronation of Their Successors, and such meetings of Curia as They hold during Their reign.

2.02.2 The Crown must be able to maintain rapid communication with one another, their Kingdom officers, and the population for the duration of their reign.

2.02.3 Being for Their people examples of chivalry, courtesy, and the virtues appropriate to noblemen and noblewomen, and encouraging these virtues in Their people.

2.02.4 Knowing, upholding and abiding by the Laws of the Kingdom, and the By-Laws and Corpora of the S.C.A. along with any duly enacted additions or amendments.

2.02.5 Being true and faithful servants of Their Realm: upholding Their people's rights, working for their benefit, maintaining the Crown's justice among all subjects in Their Kingdom.

2.02.6 It is the responsibility of the Crown to ensure that a list of all awards granted by Them is received by the Schwarzdrachen Herald and the Chronicler.

2.02.7 Watching over and encouraging the Arts and Sciences in the Kingdom.

2.02.8 Encouraging special care in the extension of hospitality and welcome to new and prospective members.

2.02.9 Maintaining files to be turned over to the Successors at such time as They ascend to the thrones.

2.02.10 Relinquishing any office held, for the duration of the Reign.

2.02.11 There shall exist certain regalia, which shall remain the property of the Kingdom, but shall be in the keeping of the Crown. The care and maintenance of this regalia shall be solely the responsibility of the Crown. The use of this regalia shall be solely the prerogative of the Crown. This regalia may include, but is not limited to: crowns, scepters, staves, weapons, shields, banners, cloaks, and robes.

2.02.12 Disposal of Regalia

2.02.12.1 With Curia's approval, regalia no longer needed by the Kingdom will be auctioned off to the highest bidder. If no bids are received, the items will be disposed of in an appropriate manner. Items so auctioned may not be used as symbols of the Kingdom of Drachenwald.

2.02.12.2 With the consent of the Crown, these items may be displayed for historical purposes.

2.03 Privileges of the Crown

2.03.1 The right to acknowledge the attainment of County or Duchy title by those who have met the requirements. In the event that either Monarch does not possess a Patent of Arms, two months before Coronation the Crown Prince and Princess shall poll all Patent-holding Royal Peers resident in Drachenwald. If, after the polling, the Crown Prince and Princess feel that the Monarch meets Corpora standards, then the Monarch shall receive a Patent of Arms upon descending the Throne.

2.03.2 The right to make and repeal such laws as the Crown shall deem necessary for the conduct of the Kingdom, subject to the laws of Drachenwald.

2.03.3 The right to receive such gifts as may be made to the Crown during Their Reign and to preserve such gifts for Their Successors. The right to receive such personal gifts as shall be

made during Their Reign. The right to use such possessions and treasures during Their Reign as the Crown may already possess.

2.03.4 The sole right to call such Courts as may be necessary for the governance of the Kingdom.

2.03.5 The right of Sanctum. Sanctum shall be defined as the area ten feet in radius surrounding the Thrones and the Crown's presence, which may be used exclusively by the Crown and into which other members of the Kingdom may enter and/or share upon the invitation of the King and/or Queen.

2.03.6 The right to a clear direct line of sight between the King and/or Queen and the principal activity of the event.

2.04 Failure of Succession

2.04.1 In the case that either the Sovereign or the Consort should fail, the other shall assume the full powers of the Crown, for the remainder of the reign.

2.04.2 In the case that both the Sovereign and the Consort should fail, the Seneschal shall become Regent. The Regent shall have all duties and privileges of the Crown granted under Corpora and these laws, except the right to make or bestow awards and orders, the right to make or change law, and the right of sanctum.

2.04.3 Should the Seneschal become Regent, he/she shall hold a Coronation or Crown Tournament (as appropriate) at the earliest possible date, and invest the victor and his (her) consort as King and Queen immediately.

2.04.4 In the case that the Crown Prince or Princess should fail, a new Crown Tournament shall be held in place of the previously scheduled Coronation, and the Victor and his (her) Consort shall be crowned as King and Queen immediately. In such case, only those fighters who had fought in the previous Crown Tournament shall fight in the new one.

2.04.5 The Succession fails whenever the Crown Prince or Princess abdicates or is unable to fulfill the duties listed in Corpora and these laws, as determined by the Crown. If the duties that were not fulfilled are those listed in 3.01.1 or 3.01.3 or 3.01.4 or 3.01.5 the Crown will determine whether the lapse was willful before declaring a failure.

2.04.6 Failure of the Sovereign or Consort occurs when the King or Queen abdicates or is unable to fulfill the duties listed in Corpora and these laws. In failure, the Sovereign or Consort is disqualified from any honors and privileges deriving from the failed reign.

3.00 CONCERNING THE DUTIES AND PRIVILEGES OF THE SUCCESSORS

3.01 Duties of the Successors

3.01.1 At least one of the Heirs must attend each Kingdom Curia.

3.01.2 Attending Their Coronation.

3.01.3 Acting, in the absence of the Sovereign and Consort, and by Their writ, to conduct such Courts as shall be deemed necessary by the Crown.

3.01.4 Using the three month succession period to recruit and train those replacements necessary to take over any office which the Successors hold and must relinquish upon Their Coronation.

3.01.5 There shall exist certain regalia, which shall remain the property of the Kingdom, but shall be in the keeping of the Successors. The care and maintenance of this regalia shall be solely the responsibility of the Successors. The use of this regalia shall be solely the prerogative of the Successors. This regalia may include, but is not limited to: coronets, scepters, staves, weapons, shields, banners, cloaks, and robes.

3.01.6 The Crown Prince and Crown Princess shall ensure that each has access to the *Dragon's Tale* and maintain this subscription throughout Their Reign.

3.02 Privileges of the Successors

3.02.1 The right of Sanctum.

3.02.2 The right to receive such gifts as may be made to the Successors, and to preserve such gifts for the next Successors; the right to receive personal gifts made to the Successors;

and the right to use all such possessions and treasures given to them during their tenure as Successors.

4.00 CONCERNING THE CURIA REGIS

4.01 The Crown must consult Curia Regis in order to make, delete, or amend Kingdom law. A quorum of four Greater officers (or their duly designated representatives) have the right to demand that Curia Regis be convened.

4.02 The following are entitled to a seat on the Curia Regis:

4.02.1 The Crown Prince and Crown Princess of Drachenwald.

4.02.2 All Drachenwald territorial Princes and Princesses.

4.02.3 All Great Officers of Drachenwald.

4.02.4 All Lesser Officers of Drachenwald.

4.02.5 The seneschal of each branch or their designated legate or envoy.

4.02.6 Holders of Peerage.

4.02.7 The territorial Baronage.

4.02.8 Any other person who wishes to attend is welcome and may speak if recognized by the Crown.

4.03 For a Curia Regis to be convened, at least four Great Officers or their duly designated representatives must be present in person.

4.03.1 Great Officers must make every effort to attend Curia. Those who cannot attend must send their designated representative to represent them at Curia or they may send written comments to the Curia Agenda items to the Crowns prior to the day scheduled for Curia.

4.04 In order to fulfill the requirement that the Monarchs must "consult with Curia", they must do the following:

4.04.1 Call Curia with either of the following:

4.04.1.1 A notice in Dragon's Tale appearing no later than either:

4.04.1.1.1 The issue dated the same month as the Curia date, provided the Curia is on or after the fifteenth of the month, OR

4.04.1.1.2 The issue dated the month before the Curia date, provided that the Curia is scheduled before the fifteenth of the month.

4.04.1.2 In an emergency, a letter or e-mail notification to all those with seats on Curia (as defined in 4.02.1 thru 4.02.7 above) postmarked at least twenty-one days prior to the Curia date.

4.04.2 The calling notice or letter must state the place, date and preliminary time for the Curia, and set forth the agenda of items to be discussed.

4.04.2.1 All items that are known at the time of the Curia announcement shall be listed on the agenda, either in the form of a concise summary of the item proposed, or by printing the text of the proposal. This includes matters carried over from past Curias, which shall be placed under Old Business.

4.04.2.2 Any matters that come to the attention of the Crown after the Curia has been called shall be placed, at the Crown's discretion, on the agenda under New Business after the previously announced agenda items. Changes in Law will not be handled in this manner.

4.04.2.3 In the event that a Curia is held after the notice for a subsequent Curia has been sent - either to Dragon's Tale or to those with seats on Curia - any items of business held over from the Curia will be automatically placed on the agenda under Old Business for the subsequent Curia.

4.04.3 Solicit and listen to the opinions of those on Curia, giving adequate time for discussion. While it is not a requirement, the Crown is advised to act with the consensus of the people on Curia.

5.00 CONCERNING THE OFFICERS OF THE KINGDOM

5.01 The **Great Officers of the Kingdom of Drachenwald** are, in the order of Precedence, as follows:

Kingdom Seneschal
 Schwarzdrachen Herald
 Kingdom Earl Marshal
 Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences
 Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer
 Kingdom Chronicler
 Kingdom Signet Clerk
 Kingdom Web Minister

5.02 The **Lesser Officers of the Kingdom of Drachenwald** and the greater officers responsible for them are, in order of Precedence, as follows:

Kingdom Historian - Chronicler
 Kingdom Chatelaine - Seneschal
 Kingdom Captain-General of Archers - Earl Marshal
 Kingdom Marshal of Fence - Earl Marshal
 Kingdom University Chancellor - Minister of Arts and Sciences
 Kingdom Minister of Youth – Seneschal
 Kingdom Social Media Officer – Web Minister

5.03 Greater and Lesser Officers must hold membership in the S.C.A or any appropriate affiliate organisation. They must have access to the *Dragon's Tale*.

5.03.1 All Kingdom Officers will take and train a Deputy for their Office who will be warranted as the Designated Successor, referred to in Corpora VI.C.6.

5.03.2 With the exception of Seneschal, Herald, Marshal, and Chancellor of the Exchequer, all other Kingdom officers may hold Shire, Baronial or Principality offices, at the discretion of the Crown. These officers must train a successor to their Shire, Baronial, or Principality office as soon as possible.

5.03.3 No person may hold more than one Kingdom level office concurrently.

5.03.4 All Great Officers will submit to the Crown and the Kingdom Seneschal a copy of any official reports forwarded to their corporate superiors. If a Great Officer does not submit reports to their corporate superior at least once a quarter, then, as a minimum will submit a quarterly written report to the Crowns two weeks prior to Coronation and Crown Tourney.

5.03.5 All officers shall maintain files for their office, open to review by the Crown at any time, and to be turned over to their successor within thirty days of leaving office.

5.03.6 All officers have the authority to make policy for the discharge of their offices and their subordinate's duties within the limits of the office. All such policies shall be published along with the Great Book of Laws in their paper and electronic forms. These policies shall include, but not limited to: Kingdom Financial Policies, Rules of the List of Drachenwald, and reporting requirements for each office.

5.03.6.1 Policies of the Kingdom Officers shall take effect after they have been published in the *Dragon's Tale*.

5.03.6.2 Standard quarters will be used for reporting purposes within Drachenwald. These quarters are January through March, April through June, July through September, and October through December. Quarterly reports due to Kingdom Great Officers will have standard deadlines of 25 April (for the first quarter), 25 July (for the second quarter), 25 October (for the third quarter), and 25 January (for the last quarter/Domesday reports). Kingdom Officers who require only semi-annual reports will use the January and July deadline for their reporting requirements.

5.03.7 Each kingdom officer is responsible for the office-related activities of his/her deputies and subordinate officers.

5.04 Terms of Office and Review of Kingdom Officers.

5.04.1 A term is two years long.

5.04.1.1 The terms of office for Kingdom Officers begin on the following dates:

The Monday after Twelfth Night Coronation (on odd numbered years Gregorian)

- Historian
- University Chancellor
- Web Minister

The Monday after Midsummer Coronation (on odd numbered years Gregorian)

- Seneschal
- Chronicler
- Social Media Officer
- Marshal of Fence

The Monday after Twelfth Night Coronation (even numbered years Gregorian)

- Arts and Sciences
- Earl-Marshal
- Signet Clerk
- Chatelaine

The Monday after Midsummer Coronation (even numbered years Gregorian)

- Herald
- Exchequer
- Captain-General of Archers
- Minister of Youth

The change of Office will be done by the incoming Crown at the event listed above and take effect on the Monday after it.

5.04.2 Each Kingdom Officer will be reviewed prior to the end of their term by the Crown and Heirs.

5.04.2.1 The Crown may, at Their discretion, ask the officer to serve another term. It is recommended that a Kingdom Officer not serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.

5.04.2.2 The Officer may accept or refuse the reappointment.

5.04.2.3 After consulting with the Crown, the Officer will publish in the Dragon's Tale their intent to continue in the office or resign, four months before the end of their term.

5.04.2.4 Should any Kingdom Officer leave their office before the end of their term, their Designated Successor will assume the Office until a new Officer is approved by the warranting authority. The new Officer will serve out the remainder of the term. The review of the Officer will be done on the schedule listed above.

5.05 Removal or suspension of Kingdom officers.

5.05.1 The Crown may, for just and stated cause, suspend any Kingdom officer. Suspensions by the Crown are for not more than the duration of the current reign. The duties of a suspended officer will be assumed by the designated successor.

5.05.2 Kingdom officers may be removed from office, for just and stated cause, by the Crown with approval of the Corporate Officer. If any Kingdom Office is empty, the designated successor will assume the office until a replacement can be warranted. If there is no designated successor, the Crown in conjunction with the senior officer will warrant a replacement, as soon as possible.

5.06 Duties of the Kingdom Officers

5.06.1 Kingdom Seneschal

5.06.1.1 Shall be the chief administrative officer for the Kingdom of Drachenwald.

5.06.1.2 Shall be responsible for registering the Kingdom with local governments when necessary and maintaining good relations with them.

5.06.1.3 Shall be responsible for all written Seneschalate reports due to the Society Seneschal and Board of Directors and shall be responsible for those reports being submitted in a timely manner.

5.06.1.4 Shall submit a complete copy of the Domesday report to the Crown, to be maintained in Their files, and shall keep Them apprised of the total status of the Kingdom.

5.06.1.5 Shall be responsible for any additional reports required by the Crown, the Society Seneschal, or the Board of Directors.

5.06.1.6 Shall chair or have a warranted deputy chair all meetings of the Seneschalate.

5.06.1.7 Shall be responsible for overseeing and running the Lesser Offices established under the Seneschal.

5.06.1.8 Shall coordinate with the Kingdom Exchequer in the selection of a kingdom officer as the 2nd signatory on all kingdom bank accounts.

5.06.1.9 The Seneschal is responsible for maintaining the official Kingdom Calendar of Events, in accordance with policy established by the Seneschal.

5.06.2 Schwarzdrachen Herald

5.06.2.1 Shall be responsible for all written Heraldic reports due to the Laurel Sovereign of Arms and shall be responsible for those reports being submitted in a timely manner.

5.06.2.2 Shall be responsible for any additional reports required by the Crown and/or Corporate Officers.

5.06.2.3 Shall set up and maintain a Kingdom Order of Precedence and shall be responsible for having the Order of Precedence updated before each Coronation and presented to the Successors.

5.06.2.4 Shall be responsible for Field Heraldry, Court Heraldry and Heraldic Submissions within the Kingdom.

5.06.2.5 Shall chair all meetings of the Kingdom College of Heralds and shall be responsible for the administration of the same.

5.06.2.6 May maintain a bank account solely for Heraldic Funds

5.06.3 The Earl Marshal

5.06.3.1 Shall oversee Tournament Lists, the martial sciences, and safety on the field.

5.06.3.2 Shall set and enforce the Rules of the Lists and Conventions of Combat of the Kingdom and shall be responsible for all fighting in and marshalling of the Crown Tournament Lists.

5.06.3.3 Shall set and enforce weapon and armor standards.

5.06.3.4 Shall supervise the authorisation of fighters and shall be responsible for maintaining a record of combat waivers and authorisation information.

5.06.3.5 Shall supervise the training of fighters.

5.06.3.6 Shall appoint any assistants as deemed necessary.

5.06.3.7 Shall maintain the list of authorised fighters, which shall be available at Crown Tournaments.

5.06.3.8 Shall receive and investigate all complaints concerning combat.

5.06.3.9 Shall submit quarterly reports on the status of the martial arts in the Kingdom of Drachenwald to the Marshal of the Society, with a copy furnished to the Crown of Drachenwald.

5.06.4 Minister of the Arts/Sciences

5.06.4.1 Shall foster development of historically accurate Arts/Sciences in the Kingdom.

5.06.4.2 Shall be responsible for maintaining accuracy and propriety of any Arts/Science Competition as per the directives of the Corporate Officer of Arts/Sciences.

5.06.4.3 Shall work closely together with and shall co-chair any meeting of the collective Guilds of the Kingdom, as represented by the Guild Heads

5.06.4.4 Shall be responsible for the conduct of the annual Arts & Sciences Competition.

5.06.5 Chancellor of the Exchequer

5.06.5.1 Shall be responsible for maintaining the financial records of the Kingdom, and supervising the finances of the Kingdom.

5.06.5.2 Shall submit reports as requested to the Seneschal and to the Crown concerning the financial status of the Kingdom.

5.06.5.3 Shall submit a detailed financial statement to the Kingdom Seneschal and to the Kingdom newsletter, annually, after the Domesday report has been agreed, for publication in the Kingdom Newsletter.

5.06.5.4 Shall be responsible for all written financial reports due to the Society Chancellor of the Exchequer and shall be responsible for those reports being submitted in a timely manner.

5.06.5.5 Shall be the primary signatory on all kingdom bank accounts and shall coordinate with the Kingdom Seneschal in the selection on a kingdom officer as the 2nd signatory on all kingdom bank accounts.

5.06.5.6 Shall submit a summary of the financial status of the Kingdom to the Crown at the beginning of each reign.

5.06.6 Chronicler

5.06.6.1 Shall supervise all official publishing activities of the Kingdom and shall be the editor of (or supervise the editor of) the Kingdom publication, which shall be called the "Dragon's Tale". The Dragon's Tale will carry all required announcements and notices of official events, Kingdom Laws, and the like.

5.06.7 Chirurgeon

5.06.7.1 This office was closed as of August 10th 2015

5.06.8 Signet Clerk

5.06.8.1 Shall oversee the production of scrolls required by the Crown.

5.06.8.2 Shall promote the development of calligraphers and illuminators in Drachenwald.

5.06.9 Kingdom Web Minister

5.06.9.1 The Kingdom Web Minister is responsible for the content of the Kingdom of Drachenwald website on the World Wide Web. Website hosting is an expense of the Kingdom.

5.06.9.2 Responsible for layout, design, regular updates, and maintenance of the Kingdom's website in accordance with the policies of the Society and the Kingdom Chronicler.

5.06.9.3 Shall oversee web publishing activities throughout the Kingdom.

5.06.10 Kingdom Historian

5.06.10.1 Shall be a lesser officer of state, under the direction of the Kingdom Chronicler.

5.06.10.2 Shall collect material toward the end of preparing and maintaining an accurate history of the Kingdom.

5.06.10.3 Shall record Kingdom Activities, briefly chronicling significant events, tournaments, large demonstration events, Courts, etc. with a brief description of the activity, including date, time, location, persons involved, etc. and provide the Chronicler with the information for the Chronicles in the Dragon's Tale.

5.06.10.4 Shall keep files of all media coverage concerning the Kingdom. Maintains files, including all back copies of the Kingdom Newsletter.

5.06.10.5 Shall maintain an inventory of the SCA publications owned by the Kingdom.

5.06.10.6 Shall forward reports to superiors as required.

5.06.10.7 Shall maintain a listing of all regalia held by the Crown and the Successors. Will conduct an inventory of regalia held by the Crown. This inventory will be accomplished during the last month of each reign. The regalia inventory shall be published to the populace, via Dragon's Tale and the Kingdom web site, with the express purpose of improving the condition of various items and identifying needed items.

5.06.11 Chatelaine

5.06.11.1 Shall be a lesser officer of state, under the direction of the Kingdom Seneschal.

5.06.11.2 Shall be Kingdom New Groups Coordinator, responsible for the development, and growth of new branches, and establishment of procedures to promote groups in accordance with Corpora and Kingdom Law and tradition.

5.06.11.3 Shall be chief recruiting officer for the Kingdom, providing information to assist local

groups in conducting effective recruiting, and mentoring regional and local chatelaines to manage and maintain growth.

5.06.11.4 Shall assist new members in learning the laws and customs of the Society and Drachenwald.

5.06.12 The Captain-General of Drachenwald Archers

5.06.12.1 Shall be a Lesser Officer of State, under the direction of the Earl Marshal.

5.06.12.2 Shall oversee and encourage the study of period archery styles and equipment.

5.06.12.3 Shall set and enforce safety standards.

5.06.12.4 Shall make available regulations and information regarding target and combat archery.

5.06.12.5 Shall oversee archery competitions.

5.06.12.6 Shall warrant Lieutenant-Generals of Archers, Captains of Archers, and Archer Marshals-at-Large.

5.06.12.7 Shall be responsible for such reports as may be required by the Crown or Earl Marshal.

5.06.13 Marshal of Fence

5.06.13.1 Shall be a Lesser Officer of state, under the direction of the Earl Marshal.

5.06.13.2 Shall oversee all forms of period fencing within the Kingdom ensuring safety on the field.

5.06.13.3 Shall set and enforce the Rules for Period Fencing within the Kingdom of Drachenwald.

5.06.13.4 Shall be responsible for setting and enforcing weapons and armor standards for fencing within the Kingdom.

5.06.13.5 Shall supervise the authorisation of combatants and shall be responsible for maintaining a record of combat waivers and authorisation information.

5.06.13.6 Shall supervise the training and warranting of period fencing marshals.

5.06.13.7 Shall appoint any assistants as deemed necessary.

5.06.13.8 Shall maintain the record of authorised combatants.

5.06.13.9 Shall receive and investigate all complaints concerning period fencing combat.

5.06.13.10 Shall submit quarterly reports on the status of period fencing combat within the Kingdom of Drachenwald to the Society Rapier Marshal, with a copy furnished to the Seneschal, Earl Marshal and the Crown of Drachenwald.

5.06.14 Chancellor of the University of Drachenwald

5.06.14.1 Shall be a Lesser Officer of state, under the direction of the Minister of Arts & Sciences.

5.06.14.2 Shall coordinate and supervise the University of Drachenwald.

5.06.14.3 Shall disseminate to the populace information concerning the university.

5.06.15 Kingdom Minister of the Youth

5.06.15.1 Shall be a Lesser Officer of state, under the direction of the Kingdom Seneschal.

5.06.15.2 Shall assist parents of children in integrating children's activities into local and Kingdom events.

5.06.15.3 The Kingdom Minister of the Youth will not be responsible for, nor in any way encourage autocrats or the Society to provide, baby-sitting/daycare services.

5.06.15.4 Shall supervise and coordinate the actions of local ministers of the youth throughout the Kingdom.

5.06.16 Kingdom Social Media Officer

5.06.16.1 Shall be a Lesser Officer of state, under the direction of the Kingdom Web Minister.

5.06.16.2 Shall be responsible for overseeing all Social Media presences within the Kingdom.

5.06.16.3 Shall be responsible for enforcing Society and Kingdom Social Media Policies.

6.00 BRANCHES

6.01 Duties and Rights of Territorial Princes and Princesses

6.01.1 Territorial Princes and Princesses may award arms to their subjects by the gracious permission of the Crown.

6.01.2 Territorial Princes and Princesses may acknowledge the attainment of Viscounty rank and those without a Patent of Arms by some other Peerage shall be polled for one. The Principality Seneschal shall conduct this poll 2 months prior to Principality Tourney by a poll of all Patent Holding Royal Peers within the Principality. The results of the poll will be submitted to the Crown 30 days in advance of the Tourney. If, after the polling, the Crown decides that the Prince and/or Princess meets Corpora standards, the Crown may then bestow the Patent and have the writ prepared by the Signet in time for the Tourney. The writ may be presented by the new Prince and Princess in the Crowns' name if the Crown is not available at the Tourney.

6.01.3 In specific instances, the Crown may delegate, to a Territorial Prince and Princess, the transmission of an award to an individual named and selected by the Crown.

6.01.4 Territorial Princes and Princesses hold their Principality in Fealty to the Crown. This fealty must be presented at Coronation. If unable to attend, the Territorial Prince and Princess will provide fealty to the Crowns prior to the day scheduled for Coronation.

6.02 Concerning the Creation of a Principality

6.02.1 At the time that principality status is granted:

6.02.1.1 The first Coronet Tourney shall be scheduled and will be held under the supervision of the Crown of Drachenwald.

6.02.1.2 The Coronet will be open to all otherwise eligible entrants, as defined in Kingdom and proposed Principality law, who reside within the boundaries of the incipient Principality. The Drachenwald Crown and their successors at the time of the Coronet tourney are ineligible to participate in that list as either combatants or consorts.

6.02.1.3 The Crown of Drachenwald shall invest the first Coronet of the new Principality; thereafter all Investitures shall take place in accordance with the customs of the Principality.

6.03 Concerning the Separation of a Principality

6.03.1 After Kingdom status is authorised by the Board of Directors:

6.03.1.1 The next scheduled Coronet Tourney will become the first Crown Tourney of the incipient Kingdom and will be held under the supervision of the Crown of Drachenwald.

6.03.1.2 The Crown Tourney will be open to all otherwise eligible entrants with the single exception that it be restricted to residents within the boundaries of the incipient Kingdom.

6.03.1.3 The Crown of Drachenwald and the Crown Prince and Princess of the incipient Kingdom will negotiate a treaty which will list the new territorial boundaries, and anything else they deem necessary.

6.03.2 At the time of Separation:

6.03.2.1 The Coronet will return the Principality to Drachenwald and take their rightful places among the Viscounty.

6.03.2.2 The Crown of Drachenwald shall crown the Crown Prince and Princess of the incipient Kingdom as its first Sovereign and Consort.

6.03.2.3 The respective Crowns shall formally sign the treaty into effect.

6.04 Branch Required Officers

6.04.1 All branches of Drachenwald of Baronial/Provincial level or greater are should have, at a minimum, the following officers:

- Seneschal
- Herald
- Exchequer
- Knight Marshal
- Minister of Arts and Sciences
- Chronicler

6.05 Territorial Baronies

6.05.1 Territorial Baronies may be established within the Kingdom of Drachenwald in accordance with the terms for establishment as outlined within the Corpora. In addition, the following requirements must be met:

6.05.1.1 The petitioning group must meet the minimum requirements specified in Corpora and must be able to guarantee that this minimum will be maintained between the time of filing and the time of approval by the Board of Directors.

6.05.1.2 The petitioning branch must have a sustained record of activities, including the hosting of Principality or Kingdom-wide events.

6.05.1.3 Request for the advancement to baronial status must be coordinated through the Crown, as well as the Kingdom Seneschal.

6.05.2 The title of territorial Baron or Baroness shall be awarded by the Crown upon petition by the members of the Barony in question.

6.05.3 When a Barony is left without either a Baron or Baroness the following procedures are in effect:

6.05.3.1 The outgoing Baron or Baroness shall appoint a Vicar as a temporary replacement. If this does not occur within ten days of the Baron's or Baroness's departure, the Crown may appoint a Vicar. The Vicar shall hold no baronial office.

6.05.3.2 Within ninety days of the naming of the Vicar, the membership shall be polled to determine the future of the branch; to remain as a Barony, to change to non-baronial branch status, or dissolve the branch. This polling will be conducted by the Vicar and the Baronial Officers under the supervision of the Kingdom Seneschal. The results of this polling are due to the Crown within thirty days of the poll being taken.

6.05.3.2.1 If the Barony members wish to dissolve the branch or change to non-baronial status, the Baronial Seneschal will coordinate with the Kingdom Seneschal on the necessary communications with the Society Seneschal, or the Board of Directors through the Society Seneschal. The Vicar shall retire at the end of the transition period.

6.05.3.2.2 If the Barony members wish to remain a Barony, they must select a new Baron and/or Baroness. The recommendation process must occur within one year from when the Vicar was named. At this time the group may send a petition to the Crown naming its candidate. The Vicar retires once the candidate is approved by the Crown.

6.05.3.2.2.1 If the Barony members are unable to select a candidate in the time allowed, the members will be polled to select a non-baronial branch status. The branch may not apply for Baronial status for at least two years. The Vicar retires on the day of the polling.

6.05.4 At any time the members of a Barony may petition the Crown for the appointment of a Baron/Baroness to rule with its current Baroness/Baron.

6.05.5 If the members of the Barony in question wish to remove a territorial Baron and/or Baroness, they must first seek arbitration through the grievance procedure outlined in 12.02.2.

6.05.5.1 If it is the finding of the arbitrators that the best solution to the difficulties is the removal or suspension of either or both Baron and Baroness, the membership shall submit a petition to that effect, signed by at least two-thirds of the members, to the Crown. The arbitrators will submit a report of their findings as specified in Drachenwald Law.

6.05.6 Territorial Barons and Baronesses have the right to give non-armigerous awards and positions of honor.

6.05.7 Territorial Barons and Baronesses hold their Baronies in Fealty to the Crown. This fealty must be presented at Coronation. If unable to attend, the Territorial Baron and/or Baroness will provide fealty to the Crowns prior to the day scheduled for Coronation.

6.05.8 The length of a single term for Territorial Barons and Baronesses is a maximum of two years. After consulting with the members of the Barony, the Crown may, at their discretion, ask the Territorial Baron and/or Baroness to serve another term. It is recommended that Territorial Barons and Baronesses serve no more than two consecutive terms.

6.05.9 The Baron and/or Baroness of a Territorial Barony of Drachenwald must step down from office when no longer residing in the Barony.

6.05.10 Barons and Baronesses of Territorial Baronies of Drachenwald may participate in the Crown List.. They are required to submit the name of an acceptable candidate for Vicar with other documentation required for participation in the Crown List (see 7.02). Should the Baron or Baroness be victorious in the Crown Tournament, the Vicar assumes responsibility for the Barony immediately. The Vicar must conduct a polling for the new Baron/Baroness within 90 days.

6.06 Other Branch Organization and Registration

6.06.1 All other branches within the Kingdom (Provinces, Shires, Cantons, etc.) shall be organized and registered in accordance with the Corpora of the Society for Creative Anachronism.

6.07 Local Officers

6.07.1 Local officers are appointed by their kingdom superior officers. The appointments are subject to confirmation by the Crown. Local officers must not be substantively opposed by the people of the local branch, but the final decision regarding their tenure remains with the Crown and Kingdom officer.

6.07.2 Local officers may be removed from office, by their kingdom superior officers. Removals are subject to confirmation by the Crown. The designated successor will assume the office until a replacement can be appointed. If there is no designated successor, the kingdom officer will, subject to the confirmation of the Crown appoint a replacement, as soon as possible.

6.07.3 Local officers who miss two reports in a twelve month period, as determined by their kingdom superior officers, have resigned. When a local officer is deemed to have resigned in this manner, the officer in question and the Seneschal of the relevant branch shall be notified of the resignation, and informed that the warrant for that officer has been withdrawn.

7.00 CONCERNING KINGDOM EVENTS

7.01 Definition and Requirement for Kingdom events

7.01.1 Drachenwald Kingdom events are the Spring and Fall Crown Tournaments, Twelfth Night and Midsummer Coronations and the Kingdom University.

7.01.2 In return for the privilege of being allowed by the Crown to sponsor one of the six Kingdom Level events, the sponsoring group shall donate 50% of the profits of the event to the Kingdom coffers. This shall apply even if the event is held within an affiliated organization.

7.01.3 If necessary, the dates may be changed by the Crown's Discretion on a case by case basis. Any event currently scheduled may conflict.

7.01.4 Bids for Kingdom events may be submitted as early as 24 months prior to the event. Bids for Kingdom events MUST be submitted to the Crown and Kingdom Seneschal no later than 8 months prior to the date scheduled for the event, with the decision being made no later than 6 months prior to the event. If acceptable bids are received early, the decision may be made without waiting until the bid deadline. If bids require early decision due to site scheduling limitations, the Crown and Kingdom Seneschal must have at least 45 days in which to notify the kingdom of the intent to make a decision and gather other bids if possible. The Crown may extend the decision date if they determine that no acceptable bids have been submitted. As a planning tool for groups considering event bids, the current number of bids that have been received by the Crown will be listed in parentheses () after the event listing on the Kingdom Calendar.

7.02 Concerning the Crown List

7.02.1 The Crown Tournaments of Drachenwald will be held on the first weekend of April and the second weekend of October. If Spring Crown Tournament falls on Easter weekend, the event will be moved to the second weekend of April. No other events may be held on these dates.

7.02.2 Requirements for Participation:

7.02.2.1 Each competitor in the Crown Tournament must be fighting for a prospective consort. The competitor and prospective consort are referred to as "Participants" in these laws. ¹

7.02.2.2 Participants must be able to fulfill the duties of the Crown as outlined in 2.02.

7.02.2.3 Participants must be acceptable to the Crown and declare their intent to participate in a letter submitted to the Crown and Kingdom Seneschal 30 days prior to the date scheduled for Crown List. The Participants' letter of intent must include at least:

7.02.2.3.1 Proof of membership (as described in Corpora IV.A.2)

7.02.2.3.2 Proof of current fighter authorisation for the competitor.

7.02.2.3.3 The modern and SCA names of the Participants along with their address(es) and other contact information..

7.02.2.4 Participants must both be present at the Crown Tournament.

7.02.2.5 Participants must be at least eighteen years old on the day of the Tournament.

7.02.2.6 The Participants may not be Territorial Coronets, nor the Crown's appointed representatives of a Crown Principality (such as Viceroy and/or Vicereine), at the time of the Crown Lists or at any time during their tenure as successor or Drachenwald Crown.

7.02.2.7 Each person must be a member of the S.C.A. or any appropriate affiliate organisation, and must have access to the *Dragon's Tale*. The Victor and Consort must maintain their membership without lapse, throughout Their tenure as Successors and Crowns.

7.02.2.8 The intent of a residency requirement is to ensure that participants in the Crown List are familiar with Drachenwald culture, traditions, and customs and that they understand the unique aspects of our Kingdom. Therefore the residency requirements for all participants are:

7.02.2.8.1 Participants must have resided in Drachenwald for the six months preceding the Crown List entered.

7.02.2.8.2 Each participant must have attended at least six official events (before Crown Tournament), held in Drachenwald, listed on the Kingdom Calendar in the *Dragon's Tale*, in the preceding eighteen months. Additionally, each participant must have attended one official event (defined by the same requirements), more than 6 months before Crown Tournament but not more than 24 months before Crown Tournament. This event may be one of the six but does not need to be.

7.02.2.8.3 On a case by case basis, if the Sovereign, Consort and Kingdom Seneschal, all agree, the Requirements for Participation in 7.02.2.8.1 and 7.02.2.8.2 may be waived.

7.02.3 Each Participant will sign a statement, prior to the tourney, saying that they meet the requirements for membership (as stated in Corpora, part IV) and other requirements as listed above. This statement will be kept by the Seneschal's Office until the end of the Victor's reign.

7.03 Concerning Coronation

7.03.1 The victor of the Crown Tournament and his or her Consort shall together assume the positions of Successors to the Crown.

7.03.2 Coronations shall take place on a weekend near 6 January and 21 June. If the weekend closest to 21 June is Midsummer then the weekend before may be selected.

7.03.3 Upon Their Coronation, the Successors to the Crown shall assume the titles of Sovereign and Consort as appropriate.

7.03.4 The Sovereign and Consort must be first in fealty to the Kingdom of Drachenwald. No person who is in fealty to any other than listed above shall assume the Throne of Drachenwald.

7.04 Kingdom Arts and Sciences Faire: The Kingdom Arts & Sciences Faire will be comprised of A&S competitions held at the five other kingdom events, specifically the two Coronation, two Crown Tournaments, and Kingdom University. The A&S Faire specifics are defined in the MoAS policy, but the A&S Faire does not take up a separate weekend on the kingdom

¹ This section was changed in November 2020. The previous version may be obtained by contacting the Kingdom Seneschal.

calendar.

7.05 Kingdom University: The Kingdom University shall take place on the Saturday closest to November 11th. No other events shall be scheduled for this date with the exception of those defined in the Kingdom University Chancellor's policy.

8.00 TITLES

8.01 The assumption of titles of rank equivalent to the reserved titles is forbidden. Those claiming ecclesiastical offices may not claim territorial jurisdiction in either the known or modern world.

9.00 GRANTING AWARDS²

9.01 Only the Crown of Drachenwald may grant kingdom awards in accordance with Drachenwald law.

9.02 Both the Sovereign and the Consort must agree upon any awards given by the Crown, except as specified below.

9.02.1 The Order of Courtesy is granted solely at the discretion of the Consort.

9.02.2 The Order of the Companions of Albion is granted solely at the discretion of the Sovereign.

9.02.3 The Sigillum is granted jointly for the joint award, or at the sole discretion of either the Sovereign or the Consort for the individual awards.

9.03 The Crown may elevate subjects to the **Peerage** by granting membership in one of the orders conferring a Patent of Arms, after polling the members of the order, and in accordance with these laws and the customs of Drachenwald.

9.03.1 Any polling for a candidate must be sent to all members of the order residing in Drachenwald. The members of the order must be allowed at least thirty days to reply to the polling. If a member has not responded to any pollings in the last two years, or not responded to three consecutive pollings, then they shall be considered inactive and will no longer be sent pollings until they ask the secretary to be reinstated.

9.03.2 The original polling for each individual must be in writing. Subsequent polling need not be, although the Crown is urged to do so.

9.03.3 Polling for a candidate must have been done within a year before the offer is made to ensure the polling results are current. If at least 80% of the circle is present at a given event, a decision to elevate can be made with a verbal polling of the circle even if the last written polling is more than 1 year old.

9.03.4 The Royal Heirs may conduct pollings to ensure that they are best prepared to assume the Thrones.

10.00 CONCERNING ARMIGEROUS KINGDOM AWARDS³

10.01 The Crown may confer an Award of Arms, a Grant of Arms, and a Court Barony at their discretion upon those of their subjects they deem worthy.

10.02 The following awards confer an Award of Arms upon the recipient if they are not yet armigerous.

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10.02.1 Orden des Lindqustringes

10.02.1.1 This order was established to honor a former subject of the Principality/ Protectorate, Fahrquar Finley Fahrquarson (John Lindquist).

10.02.1.2 Presented to those who have distinguished themselves by long and extraordinary services to the Kingdom.

10.02.1.3 The symbol of this order is (fieldless) a ring formed of a wingless dragon in annulo widdershins Or, maintaining in chief with all four legs and mouth a gem gules.

10.02.1.4 Members of this order shall rank equally with members of the order of the Panache and the order of the Silver Guard.

10.02.2 Order of the Panache

10.02.2.1 Presented to those who have distinguished themselves by long and consistent excellence in the arts and sciences and who have also consistently made their expertise available to the various subjects of the Kingdom.

10.02.2.2 The symbol of this order is (fieldless) issuant to chief from a torteau charged with a bezant pierced sable three feathers gules, Or, and sable.

10.02.2.3 Members of this order shall rank equally with members of the Orden des Lindqustringes and the order of the Silver Guard.

10.02.3 Order of the Silver Guard

10.02.3.1 Presented to those who have distinguished themselves by chivalry and martial prowess.

10.02.3.2 The symbol of this order is (tinctureless) a silver wrist-guard bearing a dragon passant coward, wings addorsed, maintaining in dexter forepaw a sword erect.

10.02.3.3 Members of this order shall rank equally with members of the Orden des Lindqustringes and the Order of the Panache.

10.02.4 Order of the Rose

10.02.4.1 Presented to former Consorts of Drachenwald at the end of their first reign.

10.02.4.2 Members of this order may be styled as Lord or Lady of the Rose, or an equivalent title, as is appropriate.

10.02.4.3 The symbol of this order is (tinctureless) a wreath of roses.

10.03 Ordo Annuli (Order of the Ring) - Ordo Annulorum (Order of the Rings)

10.03.1 The Order consists of three parts (companies) with equal rank described in sections 10.03.4 - 10.03.6: Ordo Hirundinis (Order of the Swallow), Cygni (Order of the Swan), and Alae (Order of the Wing).

10.03.2 This order confers a Grant of Arms upon any recipient who does not already hold a Grant of Arms.

10.03.3 The symbol of this order is (fieldless) a ring sable.

10.03.4 Ordo Hirundinis (Order of the Swallow)

10.03.4.1 Presented to those who have distinguished themselves by superior service to the Kingdom.

10.03.4.2 The symbol of this company of the order is (fieldless) a martlet volant Or.

10.03.5 Ordo Cygni (Order of the Swan)

10.03.5.1 Presented to those who have distinguished themselves by superior achievement in the arts and sciences in the Kingdom.

10.03.5.2 The symbol of this company of the order is (fieldless) a swan sable.

10.03.6 Ordo Alae (Order of the Wing)

10.03.6.1 Presented to those who have displayed superior abilities in their respective field or fields of martial activity in the Kingdom.

10.03.6.2 The symbol of this company of the order is (fieldless) a wing terminating in a hand gules sustaining a sword fesswise reversed proper.

10.04 Closed orders

10.04.1 Order of the Edelweiss (formerly Marguerite)

10.04.1.1 Members of this order may be styled as Lord or Lady of the Edelweiss, or an equivalent title, as appropriate.

10.04.1.2 This order was for the former Consorts of the Principality of Drachenwald.

10.04.1.3 The symbol of this order is (fieldless) an edelweiss Or, seeded gules, within and conjoined to an annulet argent.

10.04.2 Order of the Dragon's Steel

10.04.2.1 This order was established as a polling order for those who had displayed superior abilities in fencing, prior to the creation of the Order of Defense. The order conferred a Grant of Arms upon any recipient who did not already hold a Grant of Arms.

10.04.2.2 The symbol of this order is Or, three pine trees in fess eradicated gules, overall a dragon passant coward sable, and on a chief gules a rapier argent.

10.04.2.3 The members of this order traditionally wear a red-gold-black braid around their off-hand upper arm/shoulder.

11.00 CONCERNING NON-ARMIGEROUS KINGDOM AWARDS⁴

11.01 Popular Company of Sojourners (PCS)

11.01.1 Presented at the discretion of the Crown to those members departing, or have departed the Kingdom, who have contributed to Drachenwald.

11.01.2 The symbol of the order is barry wavy argent and azure, two flanches vert.

11.02 Order of the Companions of Albion

11.02.1 This order is conferred by the Sovereign upon those subjects of Drachenwald worthy of recognition for exemplary chivalry, courtesy or service. It is recommended that the Sovereign present this award no more than one time per reign.

11.02.2 The symbol of this order is (fieldless) a dragon's claw inverted sable within and conjoined to an annulet per pale Or and gules.

11.03 Order of Courtesy

11.03.1 This order is conferred by the Consort upon those subjects of Drachenwald worthy of recognition for exemplary chivalry, courtesy or service.

11.03.2 The Consort may, whenever they deem necessary, call upon the members of the order for aid or advice in encouraging courteous behavior.

11.03.3 The symbol of this order is an edelweiss with a red center to be worn on a pin or silver chain.

11.04 The Sigillum

11.04.1 The Sigillum is awarded for personal service to the Crown that far exceeds any expected measure.

11.04.2 It is recommended that each Sovereign and Consort present this award no more than

⁴ This section was changed in November 2020. The previous version may be obtained by contacting the Kingdom Seneschal.

three times per reign. Joint awards count as one each.

11.04.3 The name of the award depends on who bestows it.

11.04.3.1 When the Sovereign and the Consort bestow the Sigillum jointly, the name of this award mentions first the title of the Sovereign and then the title of the Consort, in Latin.

11.04.3.1.1 A Queen Sovereign and a King Consort jointly bestow Sigillum Reginae et Regis (the seal of the Queen and the King).

11.04.3.1.2 A King Sovereign and a Queen Consort jointly bestow Sigillum Regis et Reginae (the seal of the King and the Queen).

11.04.3.1.3 A Queen Sovereign and a Queen Consort jointly bestow Sigillum Reginarum (the seal of the Queens).

11.04.3.1.4 A King Sovereign and a King Consort jointly bestow Sigillum Regum (the seal of the Kings).

11.04.3.2 When either the Sovereign or the Consort bestows the Sigillum alone, the name of this award mentions their title in Latin.

11.04.3.2.1 A King Sovereign or a King Consort bestows Sigillum Regis.

11.04.3.2.2 A Queen Sovereign or a Queen Consort bestows Sigillum Reginae.

11.04.4 The symbol of the award depends on who bestows it.

11.04.4.1 When the Sovereign and the Consort bestow the Sigillum jointly, the symbol of the award is a white edelweiss surmounted by a black dragon's head bearing the initials of the Crown bestowing it.

11.04.4.2 When the Sovereign bestows the Sigillum, the symbol of the award is a black dragon's head charged with the initials of the Sovereign bestowing it.

11.04.4.3 When the Consort bestows the Sigillum, the symbol of the award is a white edelweiss charged with the initials of the Consort bestowing it.

11.05 Order of the Dragon's Tears

11.05.1 This award is given at the discretion of the Crown to the organizer(s) of an extraordinarily successful event.

11.05.2 The symbol of this award is (fieldless) on a goutte per pale Or and gules a dragon passant coward sable.

11.05.3 Subjects of the Kingdom may receive this award more than once.

11.05.4 Recipients of this award may be styled as Holder of the Dragon's Tear (or, if they have more than one, Holder of the Dragon's Tears).

11.06 Order of the Dragon's Bowle

11.06.1 This award is given at the discretion of the Crown to those who have displayed notable attention to authenticity.

11.06.2 The symbol of this award is (fieldless) a dragon passant coward sable charged with a bowl per pale Or and gules.

11.07 Order of the Dragon's Jewel

11.07.1 This award is given to children (under 12 years of age) who have distinguished themselves through exemplary behavior or service.

11.07.2 The symbol of this award is a crystal jewel other than black suspended from a ribbon or a cord in red, black, and gold.

11.08 Order of the Dragon's Pride

11.08.1 This award is given to children (under 12 years of age) who have distinguished themselves through exemplary work in the arts and sciences.

11.08.2 The symbol of this award is (reserved).

11.09 Order of the Hospitallers of Albion

11.09.1 This award is given to those persons or groups who have shown unselfish service to the Crown and Kingdom of Drachenwald during their travels to events outside the Kingdom of Drachenwald.

11.09.2 The symbol of this award is (fieldless) on a dragon passant coward sable, a wake knot argent.

11.09.3 Only persons/groups residing/based outside the Kingdom of Drachenwald may receive this award.

12.00 CONCERNING THE DUTIES AND PRIVILEGES OF THE POPULACE

12.01 The populace of Drachenwald owes homage to the Crown of Drachenwald. It is appropriate to do homage when entering the Royal Presence, and when passing certain symbols of Royal authority, specifically the Crowns or Coronets and the Thrones.

12.02 The Right to Petition: The Crown recognizes the right of any member of the Kingdom to petition for reward or redress providing they adhere to the following requirements:

12.02.1 Petition for Reward

12.02.1.1 Any member of the Kingdom may recommend a person for recognition by means of a Kingdom Award.

12.02.1.2 All recommendations for awards shall be submitted to the Crown.

12.02.1.3 Recommendations may be submitted either verbally or in writing, as required by the Crown, and should include the following information: SCA name, modern name, SCA branch, reason (including length of service to the Kingdom), other information as required by the Crown.

12.02.2 Petition for Redress

12.02.2.1 This procedure is NOT intended to address individual acts which fall within the jurisdiction of a civil or criminal court maintained by the nation or other political division where it takes place, nor shall any recommendation about individuals be made on such issues. Any actions of this type should be brought to the IMMEDIATE attention of the Kingdom Seneschal.

12.02.2.2 This procedure will only be used when all lesser avenues of redress have been exhausted. These lesser avenues of redress include, but are not limited to: discussing the action at issue with the individual(s) involved, the appropriate local officer(s), the appropriate baronial officer(s), principality officer(s), the appropriate Kingdom officer(s), or a representative with the appropriate order of peerage, as the circumstances dictate.

12.02.2.3 This procedure may be implemented to investigate, discuss, and arbitrate issues which have implications either in Kingdom law or in the Society's rules for courteous behavior, as long as the act in question occurred within a Society context (at a Society related activity, as an official act of a Society officer or representative, etc.).

12.02.2.4 Procedure

12.02.2.4.1 After all lesser avenues of redress have been exhausted, any subject may submit a written Petition for Redress to the Crowns with a copy going to the Kingdom Seneschal. The Petitioner must furnish copies to any and all parties named in the petition.

12.02.2.4.2 The Crown and the Kingdom Seneschal will send a list of three potential arbitrators to the involved parties within thirty days of receipt of the Petition. The Crown and the Kingdom Seneschal will take language and regional familiarity into consideration when selecting the initial group of potential arbitrators.

12.02.2.4.2.1 The Kingdom Seneschal will be responsible for maintaining a pool of potential arbitrators.

12.02.2.4.2.2 Any arbitrator may disqualify him/herself from participation at any time without prejudice.

12.02.2.4.2.3 All arbitrators must volunteer in writing, be at least 21 years of age, be a paid member of the SCA, be a resident of Drachenwald for at least one year, and be armigerous.

12.02.2.4.3 Under the supervision of the Kingdom Seneschal the parties may, if they wish, eliminate one arbitrator each until one arbitrator is left. If an arbitrator is not agreed upon within thirty days, the Crown will select one from the pool.

12.02.2.4.4 The arbitrator will be given all documents concerning the issue in question including, but not limited to: the original petition, any supporting testimony or affidavits (in writing), any related petitions from other named parties, and any correspondence concerning the issue, etc.

12.02.2.4.4.1 The arbitrator may, with specific instruction from the Crown, investigate the matter further if the submitted documentation remains unclear.

12.02.2.4.4.2 Whenever possible, the arbitrator should meet face-to-face or telephone the main parties involved to clarify any points which remain unclear.

12.02.2.4.4.3 The arbitrator will strive to reach a settlement of the issue between the parties involved. The parties are free to resolve the matter or withdraw the original Petition at anytime during the process.

12.02.2.4.5 At the end of 60 days, assuming no settlement has been reached, the arbitrators will submit all documentation including the Petition(s), supporting testimony, affidavits, and any other hard evidence to the Crown. The arbitrators will also submit to the Crown, a written report summarizing all contacts with the named parties, the results of any investigations, and a list of recommendations concerning the issues in question.

12.02.2.4.6 The Crown will review all submitted documentation and may, at Their prerogative, solicit advice from the Peers of the Realm and Kingdom Officers. Within 30 days of receiving the report from the arbitrators, the Crown will rule on the issue addressed in the Petition.

12.02.2.4.6.1 The Crown will provide a written response to the Petition which outlines Their decision on the matter, with any additional explanation deemed appropriate, to all named parties.

12.02.2.4.6.2 The Crown, in cases of severe transgression of Kingdom and Society laws or courtesy, may exercise sanctions as outlined in Corpora.

12.02.2.4.7 If additional pertinent information comes to light, the Petitioner may re-Petition the Crown. The Crown may revise Its decision based on this new evidence after review with the Kingdom Seneschal, the original arbitrator(s), and all named parties.

12.03 The Right to Bear Steel

12.03.1 All members of the Kingdom shall be assured of the right to bear steel.

12.03.2 Those members found to be irresponsible, through misconduct or negligence, with their weapons, shall forfeit the right to bear steel in the Kingdom.

12.03.3 **ALL** bladed weapons shall be carried sheathed. **ALL** blades will be passively bonded at S.C.A. events, except for ceremonial duties of the Royal Guard.

12.03.4 Weapons of War shall not be carried before the Throne, without the permission of the Crown, during Court (Knights are excluded from this restriction).

12.04 It should be the duty and responsibility of all members of the Kingdom of Drachenwald to maintain and increase Authenticity, the Spirit and the Willingness to create a Current Middle Ages.

13.00 MISCELLANEOUS

13.01 The Crown looks with favor upon the formation of **Guilds** within the Kingdom and directs that they operate under the supervision of the Minister of Arts and Sciences. Guild heads will be called upon by the MoAS in conclave, upon occasion.

13.02 Smoking is forbidden in the central area of any event, being defined as any area where people must be present in order to participate in the event, such as the hall where a feast is held, or the area immediately surrounding the Lists at a tournament. The autocrat shall be responsible for defining the boundaries of the central area and for providing some other area as convenient as may be found where smoking is permitted and made safe and practical. Smoking is permitted in the interior of a pavilion with its owner's permission.

13.03 Canned beverages are forbidden to be set out in plain sight at Kingdom events. Those who bring canned beverages are encouraged to keep them out of sight and to discreetly dispose of them afterwards.

13.04 Black dragons are under the protection of the Crown of Drachenwald.

13.05 Mock assassinations should only be carried out with the consent of the participants.

13.06 Free admission to an event for any gentle is at the discretion of the Autocrat and Chancellor of the Exchequer of the sponsoring group.

13.07 The use of **flash photography during court** is forbidden. Picture taking without the use of a flash is perfectly acceptable.

13.08. The order of Precedence of Drachenwald

The order of Precedence shall be as follows

1. King and Queen of Drachenwald
2. Crown Prince and Crown Princess of Drachenwald
3. Direct Crown vassals (territorial Prince/Princess, Viceroy/Vicereine, or Baron/Baroness outside a Principality) in their own lands
4. Territorial Baron/Baroness of a Principality in their own Barony
5. Territorial Prince/Princess
6. The Crown's appointed representatives of a Crown Principality (such as a Viceroy/Vicereine)
7. Duke/Duchess
8. Count/Countess
9. Viscount/Viscountess
10. Bestowed peers
11. Territorial Baron/Baroness
12. Court Baron/Baroness
13. Awards that carry a grant of arms
14. Plain grants of arms
15. Awards that carry an award of arms
16. Plain awards of arms
17. Non-armigerous awards
18. Everyone else

APPENDICES**Former Drachenwald Monarchs**

The foregoing are the Laws of Drachenwald created during the Reigns of:

Jahn and Tuiren, A.S. XV

Bearengaer and Nige, A.S. XV

David and Catheryn, A.S. XVI

Dorin and Vincetta, A.S. XVII

Raim and Regina, A.S. XVII

Wolf and Caitriona, A.S. XVIII

Alexander and Katya, A.S. XVIII

Galen and Kaylitha, A.S. XVIII

Raim and Gwynna, A.S. XIX

Dafydd and Morgan, A.S. XIX

Richard and Joedda, A.S. XX

Wulfbrand and Lucilla, A.S. XX

Justin and Gyth, A.S. XXI

Ulric and Eleonora, A.S. XXI

Ivar and Kathleen, A.S. XXII

Gwenllhian and Stefan, A.S. XXII

Axel and Jeanmaire A.S. XXIII

Ian and Charitee, A.S. XXIII

Yoshina and Evonne, A.S. XXIV

Bryon and Silesia, A.S. XXIV

Karl and Bettina, A.S. XXV

Cian and Catherine, A.S. XXV

Morgan and Alienor, A.S. XXVI

Myles and Katharina, A.S. XXVI

Gareth and Idunn, A.S. XXVII

Karl and Leia, A.S. XXVII

Elffin and Vanna, A.S. XXVIII

Morgan and Alienor A.S. XXVIII

Wlfric and Eira A.S. XXIX

Timoch and Adelia A.S. XXIX

Michael and Melusine, A.S. XXX

Garick and Talitha, A.S. XXX

Edouard and Eanor, A.S. XXXI

Elffin and Vanna A.S. XXXI

Jurgan and Lilliard A.S. XXXII

Matthew and Anna A.S. XXXII

Sven and Thora AS XXXIII
Prothall and Cecilia AS XXXIII
Matthew and Anna AS XXXIV
Elffin and Alessandra Melusine AS XXXIV
Prothall and Cecilia AS XXXV
Peregrine and Alessandra Melusine, AS XXXV
Elffin and Signy, AS XXXVI
Gerhardt and Aurelia, AS XXXVI
Giles and EzaBella, AS XXXVII
Matthew and Alienor, AS XXXVII
Marcus and Anna, A.S. XXXVIII
Elffin and Signy, A.S. XXXVIII
John and Honor, A.S. XXXIX
Padraig and Elsa, A.S. XXXIX
Cadogan and Eufemia, A.S.XL
Sven and Thora, A.S.XL
Michael and Moira, A.S.XLI
Maximilian and Margerite, A.S.XLI
Alaric and Nerissa, A.S.XLII
Sven and Jovi, A.S.XLII
ThorvaldR and Fiona, A.S.XLIII
Marcus and Cecilia, A.S.XLIII
Gerhardt and Judith, A.S.XLIV
ThorvaldR and Fiona, A.S.XLIV
UlfR and Caoimhe, A.S.XLV
Vitus and Eleanora, A.S.XLV
Lief and Morrigan, A.S.XLVI
Sven and Siobhan, A.S.XLVI
Paul and Aryanhwy A.S.XLVII
ThorvaldR and Tofa, A.S.XLVII
Sven and Siobhan, A.S.XLVIII
Prothall and Cecilia, A.S.XLVIII
Lief and Morrigan, A.S.XLVIII
Makarius and Izabella, A.S.XLVIII
ThorvaldR and Tomoe, A.S.XLVIII
Siridean and Jahanara A.S LII
William and Isabetta A.S LIII
Vitus and Isabel A.S.LIV
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